

**Viroqua Area Schools
2020-2021
Charter School Authorizer Annual Report**

SECTION I: AUTHORIZER INFORMATION

Authorizing Entity:	Viroqua Area Schools
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SECTION II: CHARTER SCHOOL INFORMATION

Charter Schools Currently Under Contract:			
School Name:	Contract Start Date:	Contract Expiration Date:	Grades Served:
Laurel High	8-1-1999	7-31-2023	9-12
Vernon County Better Futures HS	9-28-2000	7-31-2023	9-12
Viroqua Area Montessori School	8-1-2013	6-30-2023	4K-6
Trillium Middle School	8-1-2019	See Below	7-8

Charter Schools with Non-renewed or Revoked Contract:			
School Name:	Contract Start Date:	Date of Non-renewal or Revocation:	Reason for Non-renewal or Revocation:
Trillium Middle School	8-1-2019	06/30/2021	

Charter Schools Currently Under Contract that have not Opened:		
School Name:	Contract Start Date:	Date School will Open:
None		

Charter Schools that Closed:		
School Name:	Date of School Closure:	Reason for Closure:
None		

SECTION III: ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

Viroqua Area Montessori School (VAMS)

Academic progress is measured by the Renaissance Assessments (STAR), the Wisconsin Forward Exam, and observations with anecdotal records from the classroom teachers. STAR is a norm-referenced test, typically administered for each student in reading and math, in the fall, winter, and spring. The scores are reported as grade level equivalents and percentile ranks.

The Forward Exam is a summative assessment which provides information about what students know and can do in relation to the Wisconsin State Standards. Students receive a score based on their performance in each content area. Each score will fall in one of four levels:

- Advanced – Students demonstrate thorough understanding of and ability to apply the knowledge and skills for their grade level that are associated with college content-readiness.
- Proficient – Students demonstrate adequate understanding of and ability to apply the knowledge and skills for their grade level that are associated with college content-readiness.
- Basic – Students demonstrate partial understanding of and ability to apply the knowledge and skills for their grade level that are associated with college content-readiness.
- Below Basic – Students demonstrate minimal understanding of and ability to apply the knowledge and skills for their grade level that are associated with college content-readiness/

All assessment data is kept in EduCLIMBER and tracked for the longevity of the student's enrollment in Viroqua Area Montessori School (VAMS). The teaching team uses the data to drive instruction and monitor progress throughout the school year. We also use this information to identify students who need math and reading intervention support.

When using assessment data, it is always important to remember that these are only pieces of information and during decision-making processes we look at multiple data points to support students.

SECTION III: ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS (CONTINUED)

Viroqua Area Montessori School (VAMS)

Grade Level	Assessment	Number of VAMS Students	Fall-Spring Growth (Grade-Level Equivalent)	Fall-Spring Growth (Percentile Rank)
2	STAR Reading	14	+1.4 (3.0-4.4)	+12 (75-87)
3	STAR Reading	16	+1.2 (3.6-4.8)	+20 (54-74)
4	STAR Reading	17	+1.2 (5.0-6.2)	+7 (74-81)
5	STAR Reading	11	+0.2 (7.2-7.4)	-9 (86-77)
6	STAR Reading	10	+0.9 (7.2-8.1)	-1 (68-67)
1	STAR Math	14	+0.6 (1.8-2.4)	-10 (85-75)
2	STAR Math	14	+1.3 (2.5-3.8)	+19 (65-84)
3	STAR Math	17	+0.6 (3.3-3.9)	-2 (52-50)
4	STAR Math	17	+0.5 (4.3-4.8)	-13 (63-50)
5	STAR Math	11	+2.6 (6.8-9.4)	+2 (87-89)
6	STAR Math	10	+1.1 (7.5-8.6)	-4 (71-67)

Grade Level	Assessment	Number of Students***	% Proficient/Advanced
3	Forward ELA	6/17	35.3%
4	Forward ELA	10/17	58.8%
5	Forward ELA	6/11	54.5%
6	Forward ELA	5/10	50%
3	Forward Math	3/17	17.6%
4	Forward Math	5/17	29.4%
5	Forward Math	7/11	63.6%
6	Forward Math	5/10	50%

*** 7/55, 12.7% did not test due to COVID concerns with in-person testing

SECTION III: ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS (CONTINUED)

Trillium Middle School

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SECTION III: ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS (CONTINUED)

Trillium Middle School

Grade Level	Assessment	Number of VAMS Students	Fall-Spring Growth (Grade-Level Equivalent)	Fall-Spring Growth (Percentile Rank)
7	STAR Reading	3	+0.2 (7.3-7.5)	-10 (55-45)
8	STAR Reading	12	-0.4 (9.6-9.2)	-9 (58-49)
7	STAR Math	3	+0.6 (5.0-5.6)	+2 (22-24)
8	STAR Math	12	+0.6 (8.4-9.0)	+2 (50-52)

Grade Level	Assessment	Number of Students***	% Proficient/Advanced
7	Forward ELA	1/3	33%
8	Forward ELA	6/12	50%
7	Forward ELA	1/3	33%

Laurel High

Laurel High School (LHS) has typically outperformed the legacy high school in most academic areas. In fact, on the 2020-2021 Annual State Report Card, Laurel High School outscored our Legacy High School and received a score of 79.9 “Exceeds Expectations”.

The project-based curriculum and individual instruction Laurel students have used since the establishment of the school, allowed for a more seamless transition to education in a virtual environment during the pandemic, and a similar transition back to 100% in-person learning as the pandemic continued.

LHS also continues to increase their involvement within the community as 100% of students participate in community service as a graduation requirement. Furthermore, students work with community mentors on projects that they design. This has been a key component to the LHS curriculum and to the student driven learning program. We anticipate continued academic success for the students at Laurel High School.

SECTION III: ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS (CONTINUED)

Vernon County Better Futures High School

Academic performance is monitored individually at the student level, and due the small cell size, the District files an Alternate School Accountability Determination PI-9550-ASA. All students develop individualized plans that include a community service/involvement component. Individual plans are based on competencies, instead of credits.

SECTION IV: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

Vernon County Better Futures High School

In accordance with the Contract Agreement between the District and the Vernon County Better Futures High School, each member school district shares in the net costs incurred in operating the school. These costs include direct costs of personnel and supplies and overhead costs for occupancy. The allocation of total costs is completed using the attendance days of each district's resident attendees. As the authorizer, the Viroqua Area School District is responsible for all monitoring of all financial performance measures and internal financial controls. For the 2020-21 School Year, the Vernon County Better Futures High School's financial performance was consistent with what was planned.

Laurel High

As the sole authorizer of the Laurel High School, the Viroqua School District provides Laurel High School with an operational budget which is prepared and approved by Laurel High School staff to meet the educational needs of the school. The costs incurred by Laurel High School are funded with local property taxes and general state aid. During the 2020-21 school year, the school did not receive any federal aids. The Viroqua Area School District employs all staff of the school district at full-time equivalency levels determined through a collaborative process between the Board of Education and the staff of Laurel High School. For the 2020-21 School Year, Laurel High School's financial performance was consistent with what was planned.

Viroqua Area Montessori School (VAMS)

The Contract Agreement between The Viroqua Area School District (VASD) and Viroqua Area Montessori School Governance Council, Inc. (VAMS) provides the terms agreed upon for the Financial/Operational Criteria of the District which includes, but not limited to, provisions for Autonomy, Charter School Budget, and Audit Requirements. VASD works with VAMS Governance Council and School Administration to determine the appropriate staffing levels based on enrollment in the schools. All VAMS staff are employees of VASD. Funding for operations of VAMS is provided by local property taxes and general state aid, including open enrollment revenues from other Wisconsin School Districts. For the 2020-21 School Year, VAMS financial performance was consistent with what was planned.

SECTION IV: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

Trillium Middle School

The Contract Agreement between The Viroqua Area School District (VASD) and Trillium Middle School Governance Council (Trillium) provides the terms agreed upon for the Financial/Operational Criteria of the District which includes, but not limited to, provisions for Autonomy, Charter School Budget, and Audit Requirements. VASD works with Trillium Governance Council and School Administration to determine the appropriate staffing levels based on enrollment in the schools. All Trillium staff are employees of VASD. Funding for operations of VAMS is provided by local property taxes and general state aid, including open enrollment revenues from other Wisconsin School Districts. For the 2020-21 School Year, Trillium financial performance was consistent with what was planned.

SECTION V: OTHER CONTRACT TERMS AND EXPECTATIONS (OPTIONAL)

None

SECTION VI: AUTHORIZER OPERATING COSTS

See completed audited Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Operating Costs.

SECTION VII: SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHARTER SCHOOLS

See completed Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Services and Costs.

VIROQUA AREA SCHOOLS

Laurel High School

SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER OPERATING COSTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

OPERATING ACTIVITY	WUFAR OBJECT CODE	COST
EMPLOYEE SALARIES	100	103,427.37
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	200	56,619.56
PURCHASED SERVICES	300	0.00
NON-CAPITAL OBJECTS	400	7,096.17
CAPITAL OBJECTS	500	0.00
INSURANCE & JUDGEMENTS	700	0.00
OTHER (REPLACE OTHER WITH AN ACTIVITY NAME)	900	0.00
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TOTAL		167,143.10

VIROQUA AREA SCHOOLS

Viroqua Area Montessori Schools (VAMS)

SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER OPERATING COSTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

OPERATING ACTIVITY	WUFAR OBJECT CODE	COST
EMPLOYEE SALARIES	100	376,499.59
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	200	258,764.26
PURCHASED SERVICES	300	302.72
NON-CAPITAL OBJECTS	400	5,468.82
CAPITAL OBJECTS	500	0.00
INSURANCE & JUDGEMENTS	700	0.00
OTHER	900	0.00
TOTAL		641,035.39

VIROQUA AREA SCHOOLS

Vernon County Better Futures High School

SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER OPERATING COSTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

OPERATING ACTIVITY	WUFAR OBJECT CODE	COST
EMPLOYEE SALARIES	100	53,988.06
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	200	31,100.73
PURCHASED SERVICES	300	5,111.70
NON-CAPITAL OBJECTS	400	5,208.63
CAPITAL OBJECTS	500	0.00
INSURANCE & JUDGEMENTS	700	0.00
INDIRECT COST TRANSFER	800	4,849.00
OTHER	900	0.00
TOTAL		100,258.12

VIROQUA AREA SCHOOLS

Trillium Middle School

SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER OPERATING COSTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

OPERATING ACTIVITY	WUFAR OBJECT CODE	COST
EMPLOYEE SALARIES	100	86,569.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	200	47,183.90
PURCHASED SERVICES	300	36.34
NON-CAPITAL OBJECTS	400	1,827.53
CAPITAL OBJECTS	500	0.00
INSURANCE & JUDGEMENTS	700	0.00
INDIRECT COST TRANSFER	800	0.00
OTHER	900	0.00
TOTAL		135,616.77

VIROQUA AREA SCHOOLS

Laurel High School

SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER SERVICES AND COSTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

SERVICES PROVIDED	FUNCTION CODE	COST
REGULAR CURRICULUM	120000	167,143.10
SPECIAL EDUCATION	150000	0.00
HEALTH SERVICES	214000	0.00
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	215000	0.00
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	221200	0.00
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING	221300	0.00
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	230000	0.00
BUILDING ADMINISTRATION	240000	0.00
BUSINESS SERVICES	252000	0.00
GENERAL OPERATIONS	253000	0.00
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	256000	0.00
TECHNOLOGY	266000	0.00
OTHER SERVICES		
TOTAL		167,143.10

VIROQUA AREA SCHOOLS

Viroqua Area Montessori Schools (VAMS)

SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER SERVICES AND COSTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

SERVICES PROVIDED	FUNCTION CODE	COST
REGULAR CURRICULUM	120000	641,035.39
SPECIAL EDUCATION	150000	0.00
HEALTH SERVICES	214000	0.00
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	215000	0.00
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	221200	0.00
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING	221300	0.00
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	230000	0.00
BUILDING ADMINISTRATION	240000	0.00
BUSINESS SERVICES	252000	0.00
GENERAL OPERATIONS	253000	0.00
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	256000	0.00
TECHNOLOGY	266000	0.00
OTHER SERVICES		
TOTAL		641,035.39

VIROQUA AREA SCHOOLS

Vernon County Better Futures High School

SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER SERVICES AND COSTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

SERVICES PROVIDED	FUNCTION CODE	COST
REGULAR CURRICULUM	120000	93,301.22
SPECIAL EDUCATION	150000	0.00
HEALTH SERVICES	214000	0.00
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	215000	0.00
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	221200	0.00
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING	221300	0.00
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	230000	0.00
BUILDING ADMINISTRATION	240000	0.00
BUSINESS SERVICES	252000	0.00
GENERAL OPERATIONS	253000	1,548.48
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	256000	0.00
TECHNOLOGY	266000	559.42
INDIRECT COST TRANSFER	418000	4,849.00
TOTAL		100,258.12

VIROQUA AREA SCHOOLS

Trillium Middle School

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FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

SERVICES PROVIDED	FUNCTION CODE	COST
REGULAR CURRICULUM	120000	135,616.77
SPECIAL EDUCATION	150000	0.00
HEALTH SERVICES	214000	0.00
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	215000	0.00
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	221200	0.00
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING	221300	0.00
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	230000	0.00
BUILDING ADMINISTRATION	240000	0.00
BUSINESS SERVICES	252000	0.00
GENERAL OPERATIONS	253000	0.00
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	256000	0.00
TECHNOLOGY	266000	0.00
INDIRECT COST TRANSFER	418000	0.00
TOTAL		135,616.77